

IN THE CLAIMS

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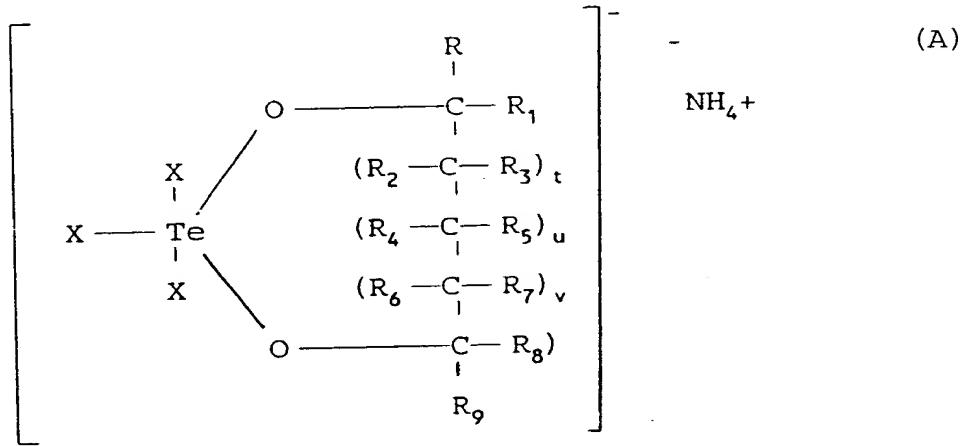
2. (canceled)

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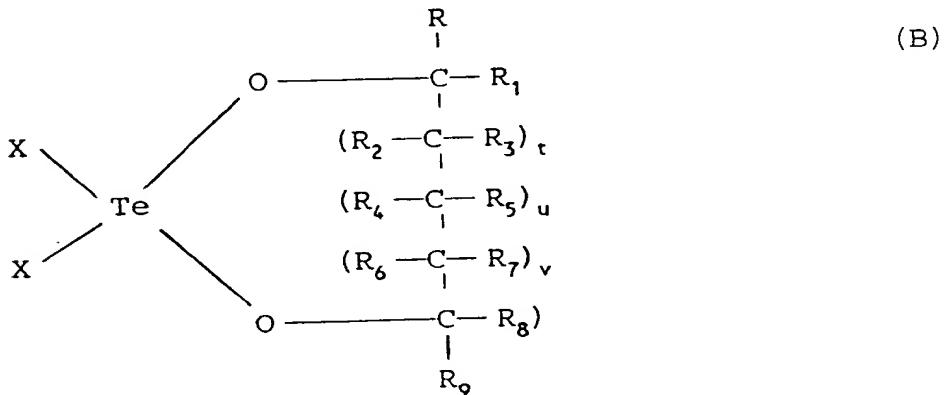
5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) A method for enhancing weight gain in poultry, comprising orally administering to said poultry a feed composition comprising, as an active ingredient, a tellurium compound of the formula:



or the complex of $\text{TeO}_2 \cdot \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$;

or



or

TeO_2 or complexes of TeO_2 (C)

or

PhTeCl_3 ,

(D)

or

$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4\text{P} + (\text{TeCl}_3(\text{O}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4))^-$

or

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wherein t is 1 or 0; u is 1 or 0; v is 1 or 0; R , R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , and R_9 are the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, hydroxy, alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, halogen, haloalkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, carboxy, alkylcarbonylalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, alkanoyloxy of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, carboxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons atoms, acyl, amido, cyano, amidoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, N-monoalkylamidoalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, N,N-dialkylamidoalkyl of 4 to 10 carbons, cyanoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons alkoxy of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms 1 and $-\text{COR}_{10}$ wherein R_{10} is alkyl of from 1 to 5 carbons; and X is halogen and complexes thereof.

7. (original) A method for enhancing the weight gain in poultry by feeding a feed composition comprising, by weight of the diet,

(a) a standard feeding diet containing about 0.0001% of a non-toxic source of selenium; and

(b) about 0.0005% of a tellurium compound.

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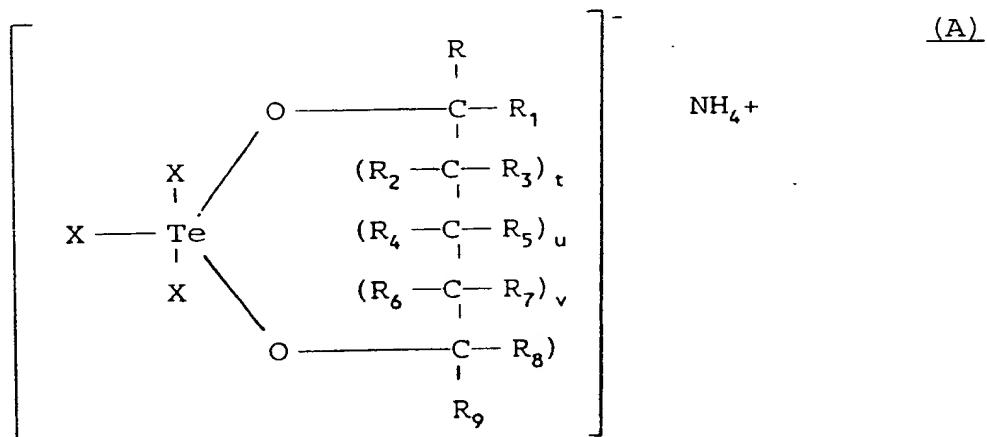
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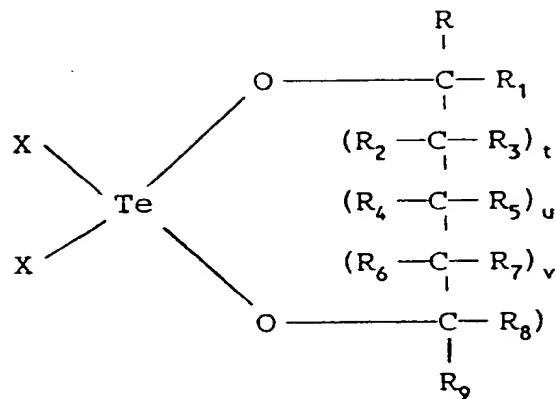
18. (currently amended) A method ~~for feeding~~ for enhancing poultry growth, which comprises administering to said poultry an effective amount of the a tellurium compound of the formula:



or the complex of TeO₂·HOCH₂CH₂·NH₄Cl;

or

(B)



or

TeO₂ or complexes of TeO₂

(C)

or

PhTeCl₃,

(D)

or

(C₆H₅)₄P + (TeCl₃(O₂C₂H₄)) -

or

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wherein t is 1 or 0; u is 1 or 0; v is 1 or 0; R, R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, and R₉ are the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, hydroxy, alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, halogen, haloalkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, carboxy, alkylcarbonylalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, alkanoyloxy of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, carboxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons atoms, acyl, amido, cyano, amidoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, N-monoalkylamidoalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, N,N-dialkylamidoalkyl of 4 to 10 carbons, cyanoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons alkoxy of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms 1 and -COR₁₀ wherein R₁₀ is alkyl of from 1 to 5 carbons; and X is halogen and complexes thereof as set forth in Claim 6.

19. (previously presented) A method for feeding for enhancing poultry growth, which comprises administering to said poultry an effective amount of trichloro (dioxoethylene-O,O') tellurate.

20. (previously presented) A method for feeding for enhancing poultry growth, which comprises administering to said poultry a feed containing from 0.1 to 20 grams per metric ton of feed of trichloro (dioxoethylene-O,O') tellurate.

21. (previously presented) A method for feeding for enhancing the growth of poultry chicks, which comprises administering to said poultry chicks a feed containing from 0.1 to 20 grams per metric ton of feed of trichloro (dioxoethylene-O,O') tellurate.